

**In the claims:**

1. (Once Amended) A minnow bucket, comprising:  
a bucket base;  
an automatic dispensing device positioned inside the bucket base, wherein the automatic dispensing device comprises a minnow tray connected with a minnow tray handle; that when raised on a vertical axis in relation to the bucket base dispenses at least one minnow; and  
a dispenser chute located on a side of the bucket base extending in a downward direction a predetermined distance in relation to the bucket base; and  
a lid connected with the bucket base having a first opening located on an upper surface of the lid and a second opening located on a respective side of the lid, wherein the minnow tray handle extends through the first opening and the second opening is aligned on a vertical axis in relation to the dispenser chute.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Once Amended) The minnow bucket of claim 2 1, wherein the minnow tray is formed having a concave shape with a minnow tray opening.
4. (Once Amended) The minnow bucket of claim 2 1, wherein the minnow tray includes a plurality of apertures that allows water to pass through the minnow tray and back into the bucket base.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Once Amended) The minnow bucket of claim 1, wherein the bucket base includes at least one guide rail that ~~guides~~ fits within at least one guide slot of the automatic dispensing device.
7. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 1, wherein an air pump is connected with the lid for aerating water contained in the bucket base.

8. (Once Amended) A minnow bucket, comprising:  
a bucket base including a plurality of guide rails and a dispenser chute,  
wherein the dispenser chute is positioned on a respective side of the bucket base;  
an automatic dispensing device positioned inside the bucket base ~~that when~~  
~~raised on a vertical axis in relation to the bucket base dispenses at least one minnow,~~  
wherein the automatic dispensing device comprises a minnow tray connected with a  
minnow tray handle, wherein the minnow tray is formed having a concave shape, a  
minnow tray opening and a plurality of apertures that allow water to pass through the  
minnow tray, wherein the minnow tray further includes a plurality of guide slots that  
fit within the guide rails of the bucket base; and  
a lid connected with the bucket base having a first opening and a second  
opening, wherein the minnow tray handle extends through the first opening and the  
second opening is aligned on a vertical axis in relation to the dispenser chute of the  
bucket base and the minnow tray opening of the minnow tray.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 8, wherein the lid includes a minnow return.
11. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 8, further comprising an air pump connected with the lid for aerating water contained in the bucket base.
12. (Canceled)

13. (Once Amended) A minnow bucket, comprising:  
means for holding a plurality of minnows that includes a plurality of guide rails and a dispenser chute;  
~~means for automatically dispensing solely one minnow from the means for holding a plurality of minnows; and~~  
an automatic dispensing device positioned inside the means for holding a plurality of minnows, wherein the automatic dispensing device comprises a minnow tray connected with a minnow tray handle, wherein the minnow tray is formed having a concave shape, a minnow tray opening and a plurality of apertures that allow water to pass through the minnow tray, wherein the minnow tray further includes a plurality of guide slots that fit within the guide rails of the means for holding a plurality of minnows;  
a lid connected with the means for holding a plurality of minnows having a first opening on an upper surface of the lid and a second opening on a respective side of the lid; wherein the minnow tray handle extends through the first opening and the dispenser chute of the means for holding a plurality of minnows and the minnow tray opening of the minnow tray are aligned on a vertical axis in relation to the second opening.  
~~means for covering the means for holding a plurality of minnows.~~
14. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 13, wherein the means for holding a plurality of minnows comprises a bucket base.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 13, further comprising means for aerating the means for holding a plurality of minnows.
19. (Original) The minnow bucket of claim 18, wherein the means for aerating comprises an air pump connected with an air diffuser.